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Title	DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD HAVING AN EXPOSURE CORRECTION BASED ON RECOGNITION OF AREAS CORRESPONDING TO THE SKIN OF THE PHOTOGRAPHED SUBJECT	
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